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INDOCHINA — TRUCE VIOLATIONS

I. Flagrant and clear-cut Viet Minh violation of Indochina
cease-fire agreement occurred recently in Laos.

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A. Article 2 of agreement specifies cease-fire
throughout Laos, effective 6 August.

1. Laotian Legation here, on 16
September, told press of pro-
test lodged with International
Commission over "violent" attack
against Laotian forces on 8, 9,
and 10 September.

2. Dates and locations slightly
different, but attacks probably
same as those reported by army
attache Saigon; two in Phong
Saly province, northern Laos,
one in neighboring Sam Neua
province.

3. These provinces set aside by
Agreement for concentration of
Pathet Lao troops.

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- a. Laotian declaration at Geneva clearly establishes Royal Government's right to continued administration these provinces.
- b. Viet Minh takes position Laotian forces these provinces are "bandits," wants exclusion all government influence.

II. Incidents in Laos are only most publicized of numerous Viet Minh violations.

A. In Vietnam, cessation of hostilities by 27 July in north, 1 August in center, 11 August in south, specified by Article 11 of agreement.

1. Army attache has reported following violations.

- a. On 2 August, 300 guerrillas attacked post near Haiphong.
- b. On 13 August, Vietnamese troops ambushed in South Vietnam.
- c. On 14 August, another ambush in south.

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d. On 15 August, Central Vietnam railway guardpost south of Nhatrang attacked and destroyed.

e. During period 15-21 August, several attacks in Central and South Vietnam.

f. On 22 August, watch tower in South Vietnam harassed by unidentified elements.

B. Vietnam agreement's Article 17, although allowing piece-for-piece replacement of war materiel, prohibits introduction of any reinforcing war materiel.

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large shipments of Chinese war supplies have continued at pre-truce level of about 3,000 tons per month.

a. French deem this aid sufficient to equip new units as well as resupply old ones.

b. Intent to circumvent cease-fire controls [REDACTED]

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C. Article 21 Vietnam agreement provides for liberation and repatriation all prisoners of war within 30 days of cease-fire in each area.

1. To date, Viet Minh has released only 9,635 troops of approximately 55,000 French say are unaccounted for.

D. Article 5 of Cambodian agreement specifies demobilization of Khmer dissident forces by 23 August.

1. This still not complied with, in fact, French say Viet Minh supplying new arms to these local dissidents, allowing some old ones to be turned in.

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